

On page 4, in line 20, after "element 7" insert --from a control 22-- and  
after "applied" insert --by the control 22--; and  
after line 28, add the following new paragraph --

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those  
skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent  
warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come  
within the scope of their contribution to the art--.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

On page 5, in line 1, change "Patent Claims" to --We Claim:--.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A supply module [(2)] for feeding electrical components  
[(5)] to an automatic component-mounting machine having a component-  
mounting head, comprising:

a component displacement apparatus in which [case] the electrical components are  
[(5) can be] displaced in an advancing direction along an advancing plane  
to a removal [in the supply module into a collection] position from which  
the components are [they can be] removed by the [a] component-mounting  
head of the automatic component-mounting machine [and can be placed  
onto a component carrier to be populated], said component displacement  
apparatus defining a removal opening at a removal side through which the  
component-mounting head removes the electrical components; [in which  
case a removal side of the collection position can be blocked by means of]  
an adjustable locking element [(7),] that [covers the supplied component (5)] at  
least partially blocks an electrical component at the removal opening when  
said adjustable locking element is in a blocking position and that releases  
the electrical component at the removal opening when said adjustable

locking element is [(5)] in a removal position, [characterized in that the  
said adjustable locking element including [(7) is designed as] a strip  
extending in the advancing direction, said strip having a [the] width of  
[which strip is] less than a [the] lateral distance between the electrical  
component at the removal opening [(5)] and an adjacent exterior side [(3)]  
of the component displacement apparatus [supply module (2)], said  
adjacent exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being  
perpendicular to the advancing plane, said adjustable [and in that the]  
locking element being selectively movable [(7) can be moved]  
transversely with respect to the advancing direction into an [the] edge  
region between the electrical component at the removal position [(5)] and  
the exterior side [(3)].

2.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 1, wherein said  
adjustable [characterized in that the] locking element [(7)] is [designed as] a  
narrow finger projecting in the advancing direction, said narrow finger having a  
[the] free end [of] which [finger] forms the strip and projects into the removal  
position over the electrical [region of the] component [(5)] in the blocking  
position, and said [in that the] free end being movable [can be moved] into the  
edge region by lateral deflection.

3.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 2, wherein said  
narrow [characterized in that the] finger [(e.g. 7)] is [designed as] a freely  
projecting bending spring which is anchored by its non-free end on a fixed  
bearing [(8)] of the component displacement apparatus [supply module (2)].

4.(Amended) A [The] supply module as claimed in claim 3, wherein said

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freely projecting [characterized in that the] bending spring is [designed as] an electrically actuatable [, in particular piezoceramic,] bending transducer [(e.g. 7)].

Add new claim 5 as follows:

5. A supply module as claimed in claim 4, wherein said electrically actuatable bending transducer is of piezoceramic material.

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[Add new claim 6 as follows:]

6. A component supply module for supplying components to a mounting head, comprising:

a component carrying belt moving in a conveying direction and having

10                      component holding locations distributed along its length;

a cover over said component carrying belt to hold the components in said

component holding locations during movement of said component

carrying belt, said cover defining a removal opening at a removal position

through which the mounting head accesses the components for removal

15                      from the supply module; and

a component restraining element mounted on said cover and having a free end

extending over said removal opening when in a restraining position, said

component restraining element substantially preventing the component in

said removal position from being dislodged from its component holding

20                      location when said component restraining element is in the restraining

position, said component restraining element being selectively movable to

a release position that permits the component in said removal position to

be removed from its component holding location by the mounting head.

[Add new claim 7 as follows:]